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For the test of your assays, at this Mint, you will please to observe the following instructions for the present.

From each melt of ingots delivered to you by the ^{small} Walter & Refiner, you will take ^{small} assay pieces, rolled out

flat, and numbered to correspond
with the number of the melt, and
these pieces you will forward to me
by mail. Coins may then be made
from these ingots, but these coins
must not be issued, until a report
be received, from this Mint, upon the
quality of the metal. For a time,
this precaution seems to be proper, and
must be equally satisfactory to you and
to us.

You will please to instruct the
Treasurer to receive, (under the conditions
of ~~Act~~ Sect. 27 of the Mint Act of Jan.
18, 1837,) for the annual assay at this
Mint, ~~one piece out~~ from the deliveries
made to him, from time to time, (by
the coins, one piece of gold coin out
of every thousand, and one of silver
coin out of every ten thousand, ~~that~~
of each coin denomination, — adhering
to this proportion as much as shall be
found convenient and practicable.
These pieces will be carefully labelled,
and kept in a box ~~for~~ made for the
purpose, until they shall be forwarded
to this Mint.)

I recommend you, by all means, to
have lightning rods attached to your
building, as suggested by the Officers.

I have to inform Mr. Fortall that
his remittance of one hundred and fifty
dollars, for the mine of ^{at St James}
and ^{has been duly received.}

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R. M. Patterson,
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To /
(David Bradford, Esq,
Supt. Br. & Mt.,
at Vt. Mines.)